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FOR A/SY/FO FROM RSO BANNERMAN

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SUBJECT: NEW OB-GABORONE

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1. FORMAL SITE SURVEY HAS NOT YET BEEN CONDUCTED.

2. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING ITSELF, HAS NOT YET BEGUN. BUILDING MANAGEMENT HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS CONSTRUCT OFFICE LAYOUT TO U.S. SPECIFICATIONS. IN CONSULTATION WITH RSO AND TSO/PRETORIA, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER GABORONE PROVIDED BUILDING MANAGEMENT WITH TENTATIVE SPECIFICATIONS COVERING OUTSIDE WALLS, CEILINGS, FLOOR, WEIGHT-LOAD FACTORS, REQUIRED FLOOR SPECE SIZE WITH NO INTERNAL OBSTRUCTIONS FOR COMENTER INCLUDING CEILING/FLOOR HEIGHT CLEARANCE, ETC. BUILDING MANAGEMENT HAS INDICATED THEY WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THOSE TENTATIVE SPECIFICATIONS. RSO AND TSO ALSO DISCUSSED WITH ADMIN OFFICER-GABORONE PHYSICAL SECURITY FACTORS SUCH AS PREFERENCE TO OCCUPY TOP TWO FLOORS OF BUILDING, TO LOCATE COMCENTER ON TOP FLOOR AND CONTROL SPACE DIRECTLY BELOW, TO SEGREGATE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED OPERATIONS OF EMBASSY, TO PROVIDE ANTI-TERRORIST PROTECTION TO PUBLIC AREAS SUCH AS RECEPTION AREA, CONSULAR SECTION, ETC., ADMIN OFFICER/GABORONE

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IN INITIAL EXPLORATIONS WITH BUILDING MANAGEMENT,

AS AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT, DISCUSSED THOSE FACTORS AND DREW UP TENTATIVE FLOOR PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION. RSO REVIEWED PLAN DURING ADMIN OFFICER/ GABORONE VISIT TO PRETORIA AND APPROVED PLAN FROM SECURITY STANDPOINT. GABORNE THEN SUBMITTED PLANS TO DEPARTMENT (LATE OCTOBER 1976) FOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSED NOB, THE STRUCTURE OF WHICH DOES NOT YET EXIST, A COMMUNICATIONS SITE SURVEY IS NOW SCHEDULED. RSO PRETORIA INPUT INTO THAT SURVEY WITH RESPECT TO PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMCENTER HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED IN THAT COMCENTER WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED TO TRUE-VAULT SPECIFICATIONS. RSO SUGGESTION WITH RESPECT TO POSITION OF COMCENTER IN OVERALL EMBASSY LAYOUT ALREADY INCORPORATED IN TENTATIVE FLOOR PLANS SUBMITTED BY GABORONE TO DEPARTMENT. RSO WILL COORDINATE WITH SITE SURVEY TEAM AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

3. IN SUMMATION, DEPARTMENT PROVIDED GABORONE WITH AUTHORIZATION TO EXPLORE WITH BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, POSSIBILITY OF AMEMBASSY RELOCATION. RSO AND TSO/PRETORIA PROVIDED GUIDANCE AND ADVICE FOR THE EXPLORATION. RSO PRETORIA APPROVES TENTATIVE PLANS DEVELOPED SO FAR WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE GABORONE RELOCATION TO NOB AND WILL COORDINATE WITH SITE SURVEY TEAM IN DRAWING UP FORMAL PLANS.
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